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NORMS FOR SALE OF COAL BY BCCL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the existing norms of sale of coal under open sale scheme in Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.;

(b) the quantum of coal sold by Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the amount of revenue earned thereby by BCCL;

(d) whether the Government have received any complaints regarding corruption in sale of coal under the scheme in BCCL;

(e) if so, the details; and

(f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL & MINES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LA' JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): The existing norms for sale of coal under OSSfollowed by BCCL are exactly as per guidelines issued by CIL. The salient features of the scheme are given in annexure.

(b) &(c): The details of coal sold by BCCL under the scheme and the amount of revenue earned by BCCL is as under:-

Year	Quantity sold (In `000 tonnes)	Revenue earned (In rupees crores)
1999-2000	255.5	21.4
2000-2001	124.2	14.0
2001-2002 @	56.8	7.77
2002-2003 (upto June) @	90.4	10.74

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(d): No, Sir.

(e)&(f): Do not arise.

Annexure

The salient features of existing Open Sales Scheme operating at different subsidiaries of CIL are as follows :

1. Collieries having a minimum stock of 15 days production are put under the scheme. However, the scheme i n no way affects despatches to linked/sponsored consumers or pending bookings under LSS (M) Scheme.

2. The price of coal offered under the scheme is decided by the Board of the respective subsidiary company but the price i s in no

case less than the CIL declared price.

3. Booking for a single buyer shall be restricted to a maximum of 33% of the quantity offered for each source separately. Minimum quantity to be booked, shall be 100 MT by road and one rake load by Rail. The maximum limit of 33% of the offered quantity from any particular source can be relaxed by the coal company to facilitate formation of a rake. In the event, the total quantity offered is not booked within 21 days of opening of booking, such maximum limit will be relaxed by the respective coal company. Coal companies may, if the need arises, allow relaxation in the minimum quantity to 10 (ten) tonnes or one truck load for supply of coal by road.

4. Supply of coal commences from the date of booking by the prospective buyer/buyers subject to fulfillment of commercial formalities.

5. Booking for road despatches shall be only against 100% advance payment. Booking for rail despatches shall be either (a) against full advance payment or (b) against advance cash deposit of 10% of coal value as applicable per rake load and balance 90% coverage by Bank Guarantee. Payment against rail despatches where orders are booked against Bank Guarantee shall be made by the buyers within 48 hours of presentation of bills. In the event a customer who books orders as per option (b) cancels the order booked for whatsoever reason, advance cash deposit of 10% of coal value shall stand forfeited.

6. Validity period for the purpose of delivery in respect of road despatch shall be 60 days from the notified date of booking by the respective subsidiary company and no extension will be allowed. Unlifted quantity of coal will lapse.

7. Rail programme booked under this scheme shall remain valid for allotment for a maximum period of 60 days from the notified date of commencement of booking by the respective subsidiary company.

8. Every rake once allotted by railways will have a validity period of one month for completion of loading from the date of allotment, whereafter it will lapse.